

**INITIAL STATEMENT OF REASONS**  
**TITLE 13, SECTION 158.00**  
**ZERO EMISSION VEHICLE PARKING DECAL**

In the Statutes of 2002, the Legislature enacted Vehicle Code Sections 22511, 22511.1, and 42001.6 to mandate Department of Motor Vehicles to design and issue a decal for the purpose of allowing drivers of zero emission vehicles (ZEV) or electric vehicles to park in designated parking stalls and spaces for the purposes of parking and recharging their vehicles. The Department is required to begin issuing the decal on July 1, 2003. The fee for the decal is to be determined by the Department of Motor Vehicles, and is to be sufficient to reimburse the Department for actual costs incurred for producing and issuing a decal.

The purpose of the proposed regulation is to specify the fee to be charged for the zero emission vehicle decal and to identify the application and procedure for submitting the application form to the department for the zero emission vehicle parking decal.

A distinctive decal has been designed to assist local parking enforcement entities to identify the vehicles eligible to use these designated parking spaces. The costing detail for the decal is shown in Appendix A, and is based on the department's actual cost to produce and issue the decal. It has been determined that a fee of \$17.00 for each decal is appropriate:

The decals cost \$7.03 each to produce and issue.

- The Administrative cost is \$55,039.48.

The costing can be summarized as follows:

- It is assumed that over a six year period, the cost of implementing the program and issuing a decal will be \$95,455.00;
- It is further assumed that the volume of decals issued over the six year period will be 5,750;
- By dividing the cost of the program by the volume assumed, the cost of the decals is \$16.60, which was rounded to \$17.00. (Vehicle Code Section 9559 allows for the rounding up of fees to even dollars when the fraction of a dollar is over fifty cents.)

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**Subsection 158.00(a)** specifies that form REG 4048 (New 5/2003) is required to apply for a Zero Emission Vehicle Parking Decal and informs the applicant where the form may be obtained.

**Vehicle License Number** is necessary as supplemental verification to properly encode the information in the vehicle registration database and to verify that the vehicle is currently registered when the decal is issued.

**Vehicle Identification Number** is necessary as supplemental verification to properly encode the information in the vehicle registration database.

**Make** is necessary as supplemental verification to properly encode the information in the vehicle registration database.

**Old Decal Number** is required if the decal is being replaced to facilitate processing of the application.

## **SECTION A – Printed Name(s) of Registered Owner of Record**

**True Full Name (Last, First, Middle)** of the registered owner(s) is required for identification purposes.

**Driver License or ID Card Number** of the registered owner(s) is required and is used as additional identification.

**Residence or Business Address** of the registered owner(s) is required so the Zero Emission Vehicle Parking Decal is properly mailed.

**Mailing Address (if different from Residence or Business Address)** is required if the registered owner wants the Zero Emission Vehicle Parking Decal mailed to an address other than his residence or business address.

## **SECTION B – Zero Emission Vehicle Decal Request**

**Decal** being requested is required to indicate that the application is for either an original or replacement of a Zero Emission Vehicle Parking Decal to facilitate processing. The applicant is required to provide the reason a Zero Emission Decal replacement is being requested.

**Motive Power** is required to determine if the vehicle operates on electric power in order to determine if the vehicle is eligible for a Zero Emission Vehicle Parking Decal.

**Type Vehicle** is required so the department can determine the types of vehicles requesting the Zero Emission Vehicle Parking Decal.

### **SECTION C – Mailing Instructions**

Mailing instructions require the completed application form and payment to be mailed to the department's headquarters in Sacramento. The volume of decals to be issued is predicted to be very small. In order to keep track of the decals being issued, since it will be a manual process, the department determined that the issuance should be limited to headquarters only.

### **SECTION C – Certification**

**City and Date** is required to show the city and the date where the document was signed.

**Printed Name** of the registered owner is required to ensure legibility.

**Daytime Telephone Number** of the registered owner is requested to allow the department to contact him/her, if necessary.

**Signature of Registered Owner and Date** is required to certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information given is true and correct. By signing the application, the applicant consents to receive service of process at their mailing address. The applicant must acknowledge the consequences of perjury or false statements to ensure the applicant understands the importance of furnishing correct information.

**Subsection 158.00(b) and (b)(1)** clarifies that the decal will be issued to owners of zero emission vehicles that use electricity as the motive power. The Vehicle Code definition of a zero emission vehicle is being repeated here for clarity.

**Subsection 158.00(c)** informs the registered owner that the application will be reviewed and processed within 30 days of receipt of the application. The Permit Reform Act of 1981 requires a department that issues "permits" to adopt regulations that state the time frames when an applicant can expect written approval of a permit or be informed that the application is deficient.

Subsection (c) establishes the procedures and timeframe to comply with the Permit Reform Act.

**Subsection 158.00(c)(1) and (A)** specifies when an application is incomplete and if found to be incomplete, the department will notify the registered owner(s) identifying the specific requirement needed to complete the application.

**Subsection 158.00(c)(2) and (A)** specifies when an application is complete and if found complete, a decal will be issued.

**Subsection 158.00(d)** specifies that the fee for each decal will be \$17.00 and informs the applicant where to submit the application for a Zero Emission Vehicle Parking Decal for processing.